

**SAVANNAH'S
ANTI-POVERTY TASK FORCE**

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
United Way of the Coastal Empire

I. Welcome – Julie Lamy (5 min)

II. Housekeeping (5 min)

- A. Updated Task Force Contact List / Sign-in Sheet
- B. Task Force Listserve

III. Review of last meeting (5 min)

IV. Host Spotlight: United Way of the Coastal Empire – Janice Blunt (15 min)

V. Reports from Subcommittees

1. Living Wage – Bernie Polite (10 min)
 - a. Update on initiatives
 - b. Task Force input
 - c. Next subcommittee meeting
2. Case Management Systems – Julie Lamy (10 min)
 - a. Update on initiatives
 - b. Task Force input
 - c. Next subcommittee meeting
3. Resource Collaboration – Yvonne Davis (10 min)
 - a. Update on Initiatives
 - b. Task Force input
 - c. Next subcommittee meeting

VI. October Discussion with Dr. Whorton (5 min)

- A. Initiative(s) – Best Practices Conference and Poverty Forum
- B. Planning timeline
- C. New subcommittee

VII. Information Sharing (5 min)

- A. Upcoming Task Force member events
- B. Other announcements

VIII. Upcoming Task Force Meetings & Venues

December 16*	Lutheran Services of Georgia
January 27	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
February 24	_____
March 23	_____

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IX. Welcome

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Attending – Sr. Pat Baber, John Paul Berlon, Janice Blunt, Susan Bragg, Alan Bray, Yvonne Davis, Carole Fireall, Yolanda Fontaine, Emily Gambill, Keenya Gray-Mosley, Gwen Glover, Alex Ikefuna, Jacquelyn Jackson, Cynthia Kennedy, Julie Lamy, Bernard Polite, Charlotte Rehmer, Ayris Scales, Natalie Walker, Ruthann Walsh, Tom Wilson.

X. Housekeeping

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C. The Task Force contact list was circulated for corrections and additions.

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D. Task Force Listserve - If you have any questions about the list serve, please contact Natalie Walker at 651-3653/Natalie_Walker@ci.savannah.ga.us .

XI. Review of last meeting

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The October 28 meeting summary was approved as presented.

XII. Host Spotlight: United Way of the Coastal Empire – Janice Blunt

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A part of this community since 1938, the United Way of the Coastal Empire (UWCE) touches the lives of one in every three residents in the coastal empire each year. An information and referral service, UWCE prides itself on helping the public obtain the services they need to become more economically secure. A key tool in delivering these services to the community is the 211 system. Due to a generous donation for administrative and campaign costs from the former editor of Savannah Morning News, Herschel V. Jenkins, the UWCE is able to give 100% of the funds they raise directly to agencies. UWCE currently serves Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham counties and will soon serve Glen and Liberty counties.

XIII. Reports from Subcommittees

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1. Living Wage – Bernie Polite and Alan Bray

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1. Presented a copy of short and long term goals
2. The committee has established contacts with representative in both St. Louis, MO and Dayton, OH. They are gathering information about the challenges they faced in establishing a living wage ordinance
3. Beginning in January, they will work with the new ad hoc committee to begin planning public forums to present the information gathered by the committee and educate the public on poverty

2. Case Management Systems – Julie Lamy

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1. Presented a copy of short and long term goals.

2. The committee is working with Dr. Joe Whorton to review and improve both the At-risk and Safe/Self-Sufficient surveys. A meeting to discuss the surveys is scheduled on Wednesday, November 19 at Savannah Entrepreneurial Center.
3. Working with UWCE and the Resource Collaboration Sub-committee to fill in the Anti-Poverty Continuum with agencies and current services available.
4. The next subcommittee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at St. Mary's Community Center from 10:00AM – 12:00PM

3. Resource Collaboration – John Paul Berlon

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1. Currently working with UWCE to develop a website to display 211 information. Due to software issues, making the 211 information available live on the internet will not be possible within the next year so the subcommittee has decided to develop a static website that will contain information exported on an annual or bi-annual basis from the 211 system. The information provided on the static website will be available on the internet for both inter-agency and client purposes. The ultimate goal is to make the UWCE's 211 system available on the internet live.
2. Advertising 211:
 1. The committee is working with Corporal Fields of the Savannah Police Department to update resource cards with 211 information.
 2. Working with CAT to get 211 placards on buses.
3. Request that each agency provide a copy of their most recent brochure.
4. Remind each agency to complete the Resource Survey.
5. United Way 211 placards are available for display. To request one, contact John Paul Berlon at jpberlon@yahoo.com

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XIV. Upcoming Task Force Events

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- D. An ad hoc committee was formed to begin work on a Regional Conference and Poverty Forum. These ideas were generated during discussions with Dr. Joe Whorton at the October Task Force meeting. The following Task Force members have volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee: Sr. Pat Baber, Jackie Jackson, Ruthann Walsh, Bernie Polite, Alan Bray, Cynthia Kennedy, Gwen Glover, Carole A. Fireall, Kathy Keith, and Ayris Scales. The goal of this committee will be to work with the Living Wage committee to plan poverty simulations and coordinate the regional event in Fall 2004. Planning will begin early next year.
- E. Poverty Simulation Model – Jackie Ogden of Georgia Extension Services will be contacted to conduct a poverty simulation in January or February.
- F. Jewish Educational Alliance – Task Force hopes to work with the JEA to make sure all agencies attend and participate in their annual agency information fair held each spring.

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XV. Information Sharing

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No new information reported. The current Save-the-Date is on the listserve. For any additional or future announcements, please send emails to Natalie Walker at Natalie_Walker@ci.savannah.ga.us

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